

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Huizenga called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Schuitmaker, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Accavitti, McConico, Leland (16/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Wenke, Green, Bennett (3/19)

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative David Law**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2006. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5901** before the committee.

HB 5901	Meyer	Economic development; downtown development authorities; definition of eligible obligations; modify.
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Representative Meyer explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

James Hall*, representing the Bad Axe Downtown Development Authority, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

James McBryde and **John Czarnecki**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **opposition** to the bill and answered questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Don Olendorf, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association;

Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Ottawa, Muskegon and Kalamazoo Counties Intermediate School District;

*submitted written testimony

Bob Colby, representing the Huron County Intermediate School District; and

Brian Whiston, representing the Oakland County Intermediate School District.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 727** before the committee.

SB 727	Garcia	Economic development; economic development corporations; office of defense and homeland security business opportunities; create.
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Senator Garcia explained the intent of the bill and answered questions.

James McBryde and **Mark Morante**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Senator Garcia returned to the testimony table to answer additional questions.

Lynn Egbert, representing Egbert and Associates, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Nell Kuhnmuensch, representing BioPort Corporation, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Chair Huizenga explained the intent of a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Representative Pavlov, supported by **Representative Meisner**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **Senate Bill 727**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Meisner, Tobocman, Dillon, Leland (13/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Jones, supported by **Representative David Law**, moved to report **Senate Bill 727**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Huizenga, Baxter, Emmons, Palsrok, Hildenbrand, Jones, David Law, Marleau, Pavlov, Meisner, Tobocman, Leland (12/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: Rep. Dillon (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Meisner, supported by **Representative Marleau**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objections, **Chair Huizenga** excused **Representatives Wenke, Green** and **Bennett**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chair Huizenga** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:10 p.m.**

Representative Bill Huizenga, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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